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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Jan. 6, 2022,

Today is the first-year anniversary of the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and the images from that dark day in our nation’s history are seared into our minds.

We bring you two lead stories on the riot in today’s Connecting.

Ever wonder who’s behind the Today in History feature that is distributed on the AP wires and is a popular feature of Connecting? Well, there’s a great feature today from WOUB of Athens, Ohio, on AP Broadcast News editor **Mike Hammer (Email)** who started working on Today a few years ago. “Today in History is the most widely used AP feature. There are a lot of eyes on it,” said Hammer in the story. “I go through AP archives and find the event that was the highlight from that day.” Hammer learned writing skills working at WOUB.

Have you become eligible for the Connecting 90s or 80s Clubs in the past few months – the listings for those colleagues in their 80s and in their 90s? If so, drop me a note to

backstop as I am about to send out the listing - shared at the start of the first of each quarter.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## A televised insurrection: AP video documents Jan. 6 riot



AP Photo/John Minchillo

By NATHAN ELLGREN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Jan. 6 riot was an insurrection with a 360-degree view.

Ample evidence has emerged over the last year of what happened at the U.S. Capitol. From television footage to cell phone videos to body cameras worn by the officers under siege, there is a remarkably comprehensive record of one of the worst attacks on democracy in U.S. history.

The Associated Press compiled a short film of the day's key moments to capture the record and rebut falsehoods that continue to spread about what happened.

The riot was preceded by the "Stop the Steal" rally near the White House featuring President Donald Trump. Before Trump's remarks, a flag was seen flying in the crowd with the message, "When Tyranny Becomes Law Rebellion Becomes DUTY!"

Read more [here](#). Shared by Peg Coughlin.

## On January 6

**Norm Abelson (Email)** - I was shocked. I felt frightened. I was angry. I was so damn proud of Scott Applewhite and The Associated Press. (See Wednesday's Connecting)

As I gazed at the photos Scott and his AP colleagues took and his story of the Jan. 6 insurrection, I was moved as only one can be looking back a year at an attack on our democracy that seems still unbelievable. But it did happen, and in the Capitol that for six years was part of my workplace.

I came away with two deep feelings:

For those sorry individuals who attack the press from the comfort of their homes, put them in the shoes of the Scott Applewhites or the Gene Herricks and the other American heroes without whose words and photos we would be in an even worse situation than we are - uninformed. The Founders didn't get everything right, but they scored a 100 with the First Amendment. All these years later, I still wear proudly my badge as an AP alumnus. Any attack on a free press moves us a giant step closer to my second conclusion.

We are frighteningly close to losing our democratic form of government. The pundits tread lightly on this point, refusing to compare our situation in any way with the rise of the Third Reich in the 1930s. I believe the time has come to look at the reality of our situation – and read some history.

In 1953 I married a wonderful young woman who was a survivor of Auschwitz, where her mother and young sister were murdered in the gas rooms and ovens. For all the years since I have heard the stories from other family survivors. Life in a peaceful Polish town. Bombed on a quiet September morning. Soon confined to a ghetto. A horrific train ride to Auschwitz. Rescue. Followed by a life marked by depression and nightmares.

Hitler found his prey – the Jews. The anti-democrats aim their venom at the Blacks, the Muslims, the Jews, the gay, the Latinos, the poor whites. Their weapons are lies and distortions and, too often, violence. The end game is to take over the nation by whatever means possible. The Nazis burned the Reichstag; they attacked the Capitol. The Nazis attacked a free voting system. The anti-democrats are attacking our free voting system. Then Adolph Hitler and his minions ruled. When they could no longer convince other cowering nations to meet their demands and allow their land takeovers, they moved to total blitzkrieg.

Every day we sit back and think, "It couldn't happen here," is one day closer to the day that it might happen here. We need to keep our eyes open. We need to speak out, even if it seems a bit frightening. We need to support fully those people – and there a goodly number of them – who are fighting the battle for us.

There never has been any guarantee that this democracy would last forever. The Founders knew it. So did our other great leaders; they knew it would take hard work. And, most importantly, they knew we must stand up to and defeat the tyrants bent on destroying this great experiment called America.

## **Richmond's Steve Helber really came through**



**A Year Later, Capitol Cases Keep Growing**  
 Still Uncertain if How High They Will Go

By HELEN FRISK

As court records show, the number of cases filed in federal court in the District of Columbia in the year after the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol is growing. In the first 10 months of 2021, there were 1,011 cases filed, up from 717 in the same period last year. The number of cases filed in the first 10 months of 2021 was 1,011, up from 717 in the same period last year. The number of cases filed in the first 10 months of 2021 was 1,011, up from 717 in the same period last year.



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**Record Surge In Americans Leaving Jobs**  
 4.5 Million Resigned, Often to Earn More

By NICK COVATTA

The number of Americans who quit their jobs in December rose to a record 4.5 million, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The report also showed that many of those who quit were doing so to earn more money. The number of Americans who quit their jobs in December rose to a record 4.5 million, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**HOSPITALS FULL, UP, BUT FEWER CASES LAND IN THE I.C.U.**  
 INCREASE ON A NEW PATH

Partly Explain Shift From Past Waves

By NICK COVATTA

As the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States continues to rise, hospitals are becoming increasingly full. However, the number of cases landing in the intensive care unit (ICU) has decreased. This is partly due to a shift in the types of cases being reported.



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**Post-vote vitriol surged in groups on Facebook**  
 OVER 10,000 DAILY ATTACKS BEFORE JAN. 6

Category developers note in finding sections of Capitol

By NICK COVATTA

Facebook groups devoted to attacking the results of the 2020 presidential election saw a surge in activity in the days leading up to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. The groups were used to spread misinformation and incite violence.

**D.A. Will Drop Criminal Charge Against Cuomo**

By NICK COVATTA

The New York State Attorney General announced that the state will drop criminal charges against Governor Andrew Cuomo. The charges were related to the 2020 election.

**With Holmes, an Era of Faking It Meets Reality**

By NICK COVATTA

The Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Janet Holmes v. State of California* has raised questions about the reliability of evidence in criminal trials. The case involved a woman who claimed to be pregnant with a child that was not hers.

**Olympic Officials Deflect Calls To Press China on Forced Labor**

By NICK COVATTA

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has declined to press China on reports of forced labor in Xinjiang. The committee has instead focused on ensuring the safety of the athletes.

**Scarcity of antivirals frustrates physicians**

By NICK COVATTA

Physicians are frustrated by the scarcity of antiviral drugs to treat COVID-19. The drugs are in short supply, and many patients are unable to get the treatment they need.

**With I-95 reopened, blame is coming down hard**

VIOT says storm defied forecasts, travelers say state abandoned them

By NICK COVATTA

The reopening of Interstate 95 (I-95) has led to a surge in traffic, and blame is being placed on the state for not providing better warnings. The storm that caused the closure was more severe than expected.

**Trump border policy keeps dividing**

By NICK COVATTA

Donald Trump's border policy continues to divide the country. Some people support his efforts to secure the border, while others believe it is unnecessary and costly.

**What's News**

Business & Finance

**Toyota Passes GM in Sales In a U.S. First**

By NICK COVATTA

Toyota Motor Corp. has passed General Motors (GM) as the largest car manufacturer in the United States for the first time. Toyota's sales in the U.S. reached a record high in 2021.

**Workers Quit Jobs At a Record Level**

By NICK COVATTA

The number of Americans who quit their jobs in December reached a record level. This is a sign of a strong labor market, but it also indicates that many workers are looking for better opportunities.

**How Biogen Fumbled Its Alzheimer's Drug**

Once-promising Aduhelm is pricey and without proven efficacy

By NICK COVATTA

Biogen's Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, has fumbled in the market. The drug is extremely expensive and has not been shown to be effective in treating the disease.

**World-Wide**

More than one million new COVID-19 infections were reported in the U.S., a sign of the rapid spread of the disease. Public health experts said that people should continue to wear masks and avoid large gatherings.

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**Snowbound Interstate Grinds to a Halt**  
 A major highway in Washington, D.C. was closed for days due to heavy snow. The snow was the result of a winter storm that hit the area.

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 Adam Neumann, who built the WeWork coworking space, has snapped up a large number of apartments.

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**Brent Stewart (Email)** - Trifecta.... Steve Helber (AP Richmond photojournalist) really came through with photos from the closure of Interstate 95 due to ice and snow, leaving hundreds of cars and trucks stranded. Real tough to get in the air, He did it. Rough air... He did it.

Total AP way.... Forty years on the job and always keeping the AP on the front page!

Here is what Steve had to share:

**Steve Helber (Email)** - Early Tuesday morning after arriving back in Richmond on a delayed flight Monday night I received an urgent phone call from South Regional Photo Editor Mike Stewart. He informed me of the overnight I95 traffic snarl about north of Richmond. I immediately started calling freelancers and local members. The Fredericksburg member had not heard about the problem and started to head out the door. After a few minutes he informed me that he was stuck at home with downed trees blocking his exits. Other freelancers were in the same situation and unavailable.

Once we realized the scope of the traffic jam Mike and I realized that the only way to cover it was from the air. I've been a drone pilot for about five years and quickly realized that I would be unable to get close enough to fly the drone. I started calling all the local airports and flight schools to hire a small plane or helicopter with no luck all the local companies were snowed in. Finally one of the helicopter companies I had been dealing with for years in the Norfolk area adjusted one of their flights to fit me in.

They were able to pick me up at an airport just north of Richmond and we were in the air at about 11:30am. The helicopter was a small Robinson 44, a four-seat helicopter where we took off the rear door so I could shoot the traffic jam. We encountered the first of almost a dozen knots of stuck vehicles. Cars and trucks were intertwined on the icy interstate in both directions. I saw wreckers and tow trucks on several ends of most of the knots trying to free vehicles. State Police were blocking the entrances to the interstate at most intersections and directing vehicles across cut throughs. I saw several folks out of their vehicles looking up and down the roadway for help.

One person was walking a horse along the roadway headed to a horse trailer. Snow plows were clearing up areas that have been cleared of vehicles. It looked like almost 1,000 vehicles were still stuck almost 20 hours after the traffic jam began.

We flew over about 40 miles of the interstate up to north of Quantico Va. Having the door off the cramped helicopter made photographing the scene difficult. Although I was well dressed for the cold it took me at least 30 minutes to stop shaking from the cold after we landed.

## Martin Crutsinger honored at University of Texas

**David Powell (Email)** - Martin Crutsinger of Washington, who is now ending his long AP career, has been chosen for the *Daily Texan* Hall of Fame, an honor for those who worked on the student newspaper at the University of Texas at Austin and went on to distinguished careers in journalism.

A native of San Saba, Texas, Marty began his AP career in the Miami bureau in 1973 and transferred to the Tallahassee bureau in 1975, beginning his decades-long coverage of government. He transferred to the Washington bureau in 1978 and has covered the administrations of eight presidents, from Jimmy Carter to Joe Biden.

For 37 years, Marty covered economics. He was the AP's chief economics writer in Washington for nearly two decades. On that beat, he reported from all over the world, including 18 consecutive international summits for the Group of Seven. His economic coverage along with that of his AP colleagues won two reporting awards, one for coverage of the October 1987 stock market crash and the other for coverage of the 2008 financial crisis.

He covered 13 Treasury secretaries and five Federal Reserve chairs. Two of them, Ben Bernanke and Janet Yellen, lauded him recently upon his retirement: "Through the years, your byline in newspapers across the country and around the world has become synonymous with lucid and insightful writing on a broad array of economic and financial topics."



In an AP history, Marty was cited for his work on September 11, 2001. He reported that the terrorist attacks that day "may push the teetering economy into recession." In fact, the 9-11 attacks triggered a recession that ended the nation's longest peace-time economic expansion.

Other major stories in which Marty participated were Ted Bundy's murder of two sorority sisters at Florida State University in 1978, the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, and the 1982 Air Florida crash in Washington.

Marty was the first to report an off-color joke by President Reagan's first interior secretary, James Watt. Marty covered what he thought would be a routine speech at a chamber of commerce breakfast, when Watt announced that he had appointed a commission to investigate government coal leases, saying, "I have a black, a woman, two Jews, and a cripple. And we have talent." Within days, Watt was out of the Cabinet. Marty received a national achievement award from the National Wildlife Federation in 1983.

This new award will be presented to Marty in Austin on April 8 by the Friends of the *Daily Texan*. Click [here](#) for link to news release,



## Paul Alers dies; once worked at AP State Photo Center

**Brent Stewart** ([Email](#)) - Have some very sad news to relay, Paul Alers passed away Tuesday. He had suffered a heart attack in late December that he never recovered from. I got the bad news from his wife Carolyn Wednesday morning. As you know, Paul worked for AP at the State Photo Center for about 10 years, if you could share this with other AP people you know that would be great, during those 10 years he worked with a lot of people.



## AP Broadcast News Editor Mike Hammer learned vital writing skills at WOUB (WOUB, Athens, Ohio)

ATHENS, OH – Mike Hammer’s career has included flying on Air Force One multiple times with three different presidents. It’s a career that he credits to the strong foundation he got working as a student at WOUB Public Media while in college.

“I had a chance to do a lot at WOUB,” said Hammer. “All of the things I did at WOUB prepared me for my career. You need to be able to tell a story in as many ways as possible. You need the broadest range of experience that you can possibly have, and that’s what I had at WOUB.”

Hammer grew up in Long Island, New York. He moved to Akron, Ohio during his senior year in high school. From an early age, Hammer was always interested in news and broadcasting. His dad listened to all news radio stations while in the car, and Hammer was known among the parents of friends as the child who could talk about events going on in the world.



“I was interested in current events and knew I wanted to study journalism. Friends told me that Ohio University had a great journalism school,” said Hammer. “I visited campus and felt at home there, and I decided that’s where I would go.”

Read more [here](#).



# More memories of Nate Polowetzky

**Mike Precker (Email)** - Marcus Eliason indeed did the best Nate Polowetzky imitation, one of his many, many talents. When Nate would call the Tel Aviv bureau, he would always announce, "This is Nate Polowetzky!" as if he needed to identify himself. Marcus always debated whether he should respond in his best Nate voice, "No, it's not. THIS is Nate Polowetzky!" Or just matter-of-factly reply, "Oh, hi Nate. Didn't recognize your voice."

I'm not sure Marcus ever got the nerve to do either. Perhaps a wise decision.

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**Joyce Rosenberg (Email)** - I never worked for or with Nate, and I know I am so much the poorer for that fact. But Nate loved getting to know people, and so we got to know and love each other just from encounters here and there at AP headquarters. He was something of a father figure to me, and also a co-conspirator, and so he'd grab me (yes, he did get physical) in the hallway and say something outrageous to see my reaction, and see if I could be equally outrageous. And sometimes I matched him, and to see him double over with laughter was a gift.

I know in his eyes I was a nice Jewish girl, and so the affinity of our ethnic and religious backgrounds was one of our bonds. So were books. He helped me get started on book collecting. I wish I had the space he had in his amazing Gramercy Park apartment, where every room was filled with well-preserved first editions.

One day, he pulled me aside in the hallway and asked me if I wanted to get married someday. I told him, yes, of course. "We'll, it better be a goddamned Jew," he snarled. Of course I burst out laughing. It was so, well, so Nate. But when I married Marty Sutphin, solidly Methodist, Nate was just thrilled for both of us. Nate was one of the people, along with Walter Mears and Wick Temple, who persuaded Marty to return to the AP two years after a successful battle to overcome alcoholism.

I had no illusions about how tough and difficult Nate could be. I heard about it from colleagues who succeeded working for Nate, and also those who failed. But he was so human, warm, emotional about the stuff of life. I remember when Ellen Nimmons' and Jim Fitzgerald's first daughter was born, Nate choked up a little as he congratulated Jim and remembered his own daughter when she was very young.

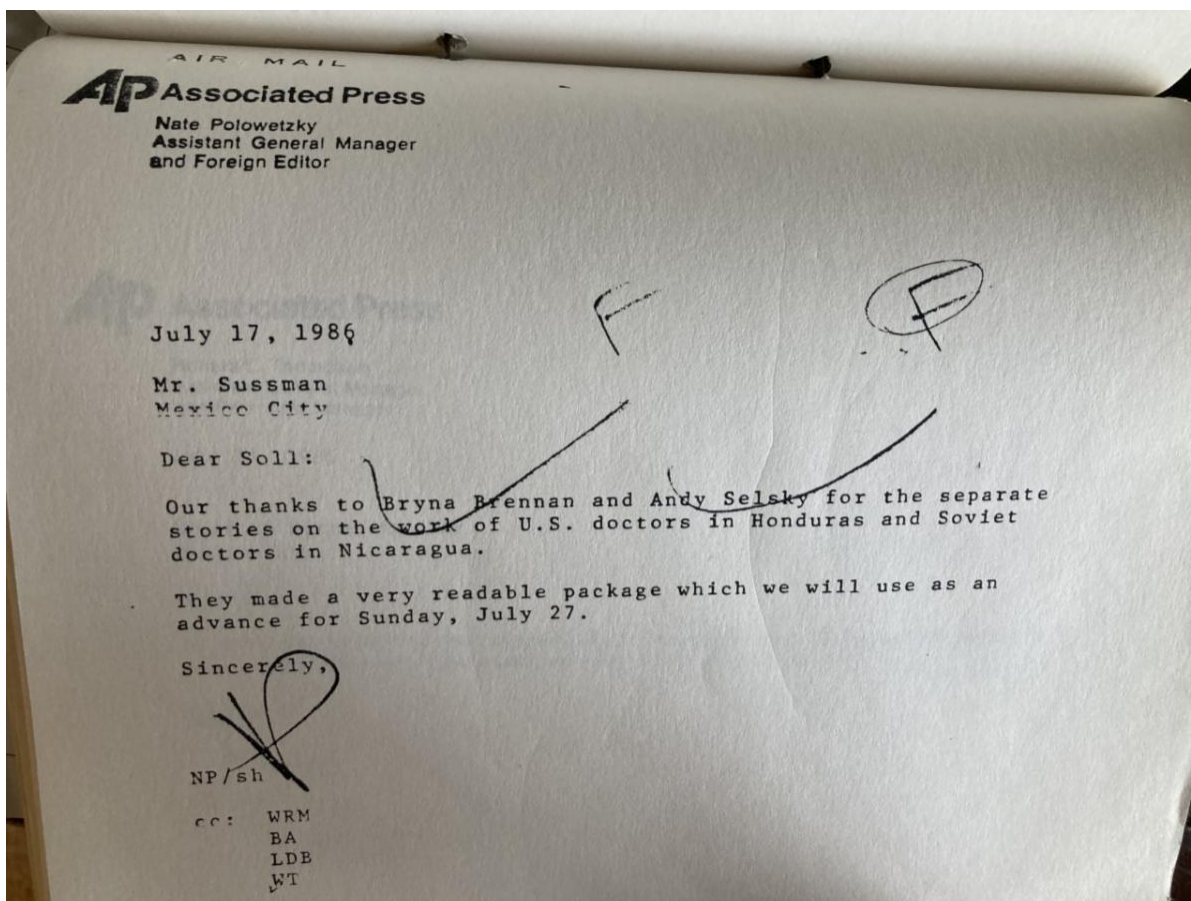
When Nate died, Bill Ahearn made the rounds of the New York departments and in each announced that Nate had passed away -- I can't think of anyone else who got that honor in my time at AP, or who deserved it as much. I just broke down. And I heard that Richard Pyle also burst into tears. The news was that devastating to those of us who loved Nate. I well remember Charlie Hanley's wonderful tribute to Nate. Charlie ended it with an anecdote about an argument between Nate and George Cornell, and George complaining that on phone calls, Nate would hang up and "you

never say goodbye." That was so Nate too. Charlie went on to say, noting that Nate had died suddenly, "you left without saying goodbye."

We all have so much we would have wanted to say to him before he left. But I suspect he knew most if not all of it.

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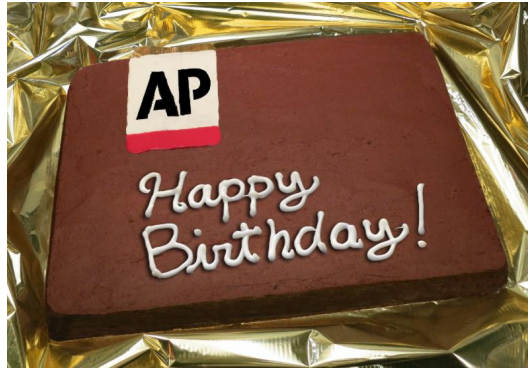
**Andrew Selsky (Email)** - It is great to read the reminiscences about Nate Polowetzky and Frank Crepeau. Both men supported me, and I owe them a lot.



I didn't answer directly to Nate when I was a local-hire reporter and photographer in Honduras and Nicaragua, so that might have spared me the chewing out some colleagues have described. But he was aware of my work and sent a couple of nice notes (one is above), with the top AP chiefs copied in. That kind of support lifted me.

By the time I got to the International Desk at 50 Rock, Nate had moved on to Newsfeatures. Frank was one of my bosses, was supportive and helped train me. It was Frank who called me to his desk one day, after I had spent almost four years in New York and pining for a transfer overseas, to point to a note that Lou Boccardi had approved my transfer to Bogota. I was walking on air after seeing that.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Tim Bovee

Paula Froke

Bill Neikirk

## Welcome to Connecting



Shana McNally

## Stories of interest

***Hannity, Fox face ethical issues over Trump text revelations*** (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Sean Hannity has skirted ethical boundaries with his role on a television network with “news” in its name. Yet it’s never been as stark as now,

with the committee investigating last year's Capitol insurrection seeking his testimony.

The Jan. 6 select committee has revealed a series of texts where Hannity privately advised former President Donald Trump before, during and after the assault, and is seeking his insight about what happened in those days.

The popular Fox News Channel prime-time host hasn't said what he will do, but he's slammed the congressional probe as a partisan witch hunt. His lawyer has raised First Amendment concerns about the request.

It's not unheard of for journalists to offer advice to politicians — history records Ben Bradlee's friendship with former President John F. Kennedy — but such actions raise questions about their independence and allegiance to the public interest, said Jane Kirtley, director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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## ***Opinion: All the news I intend to quit*** (Washington Post)

**By John Huey**

*John Huey is a former Time Inc. editor in chief.*

I only make New Year's resolutions when I sense something is amiss in my life: too much drinking, weight gain, not enough exercise. This year is no different, but the resolution is, to me, shocking. For 2022, I resolve to consume less news.

Having spent more than 40 years reporting, writing and editing the news, I am surprised to conclude that overconsumption of news, at least in the forms I've been gorging on it since 2016, is neither good for my emotional well-being nor essential to the health of the republic.

The idea struck me at a holiday dinner with close friends in Charleston, S.C., where I was the only journalist at the table. Our cheerful conversation darkened like a sudden squall in the harbor when it turned to the news. One woman, an intelligent, well-read friend for whom I have great respect and affection, posed a serious question to me: "Is there anywhere you can go for just good news?"

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Holmes.

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## ***Sweden creates agency to combat fake news ahead of election*** (AP)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Sweden, which is holding a general election in September, has joined France in creating an agency to combat disinformation.



The mission of the Swedish Psychological Defense Agency is to “defend our open and democratic society and free opinions by identifying, analyzing and responding to inappropriate influences and other misleading information directed at Sweden or Swedish interests.”

The agency, which started up Jan. 1, has departments that respectively “identify, analyze and respond to the impact of undue information influence and other misleading information” and “to develop and strengthen society’s overall capacity for psychological defense.”

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

## Today in History - Jan. 6, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2022. There are 359 days left in the year.

### Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden’s victory, forcing lawmakers into hiding; most of the rioters had come from a nearby rally where Trump urged them to “fight like hell.” A Trump supporter, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a police officer as she tried to breach a barricaded doorway inside the Capitol. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, injured while confronting the rioters, suffered a stroke the next day and died from natural causes, the Washington, D.C., medical examiner’s office said. (In the weeks that followed, four of the officers who responded to the riot took their own lives.) Congress reconvened hours later to finish certifying the election result.

### On this date:

In 1412, tradition holds that Joan of Arc was born this day in Domremy.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of “Four Freedoms”: Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of 10 of the “Freeway Killer” slayings of young men and boys. (Bonin was later convicted of four other killings; he was executed in 1996.)

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit’s Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan’s rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 2005, former Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen was arrested on murder charges 41 years after three civil rights workers were slain in Mississippi. (Killen was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison; he died in prison in 2018.)

In 2006, velvet-voiced singer Lou Rawls died in Los Angeles at age 72.

In 2020, throngs of Iranians attended the funeral of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who’d been killed in a U.S. airstrike in Iraq; Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei wept while praying over the casket. Former White House national security adviser John Bolton said he was “prepared to testify” if subpoenaed by the Senate in its impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. (The Senate voted against calling witnesses.)

Ten years ago: A bomb exploded at a busy Damascus intersection, killing 25 people and wounding dozens in the second major attack in the Syrian capital in as many weeks. The Obama administration expanded the FBI’s more than eight-decades-old definition of rape to count men as victims for the first time and to drop the requirement that victims physically resisted their attackers.

Five years ago: Congress certified Donald Trump’s presidential victory over the objections of a handful of House Democrats, with Vice President Joe Biden

pronouncing, "It is over." An arriving airline passenger pulled a gun from his luggage and opened fire in the baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida, killing five people and wounding eight. (An Alaska man, Esteban Santiago, admitted to the shooting and was sentenced to life in prison.) Mother-and-daughter actors Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher were laid to rest together at Forest Lawn Memorial Park - Hollywood Hills.

One year ago: As final votes were counted in the preceding day's Senate runoffs in Georgia, Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock emerged as the winners over Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, giving Democrats control of the Senate.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Joey Miskulin (Riders in the Sky) is 73. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 72. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 71. Singer Jett Williams is 69. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 65. Actor Scott Bryce is 64. R&B singer Kathy Sledge is 63. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 62. R&B singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet) is 62. Actor Norman Reedus is 53. Food writer and blogger Ree Drummond is 53. TV personality Julie Chen is 52. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: "Who's the Boss?") is 46. Actor Cristela Alonzo is 43. Actor Rinko Kikuchi (RINK'-oh kih-KOO'-chee) is 41. Actor Eddie Redmayne is 40. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas is 40. Actor-comedian Kate McKinnon is 38. Actor Diona Reasonover is 38. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 36.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career.

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.
- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.



- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"**- a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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